Internet A Breeding Ground for Paedophiles

2714. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to recently released pamphlet of the UNESCO which says that the internet is a breeding ground for paedophiles; and

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) UNESCO has released a report expressing concern about child pornography and paedophilia on the Internet.

(b) As per the License Agreement, Internet Service Providers are responsible for ensuring that no obscene materials are carried by their network. Information Technology Act, 2000 has provisions to deal with circulation of obscene materials through internet and the implementation of this Act would be deterrent to such activities.

Integrating Media Under Single Authority

2715. SHRI CM. IBRAHIM:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether, with fast growth and development of Information technology, Government propose to integrate, coordinate and regulate vast varieties of audio, video, voice and data services media under a single authority in order to make it easily available at affordable prices; and

(b) if so, the details of such authority and its *modus operandi?*

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) The Government proposes to